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PENDING APPLICATIONS IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of applications pending for new telephone connections in Tamil Nadu and Goa, district-wise;

(b) the dates since the applications are pending and the reasons therefor;

(c) the time by when the applications are likely to be cleared;

(d) whether there is any proposal to expand the existing telephone exchanges and add new ones to meet the demands; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) The total number of applications pending for new telephone connections in Tamil Nadu and Goa are 91614 and 4400 respectively. District-wise details are given in the Annexure.

(b) The dates since the applications are pending is given in the Annexure. The reasons for the pendency of waiting list are as follows:

(i) Non-feasibility of connections by landline due to long distance beyond 5 Kms.

(ii) Delay in supply of FWT (Fixed Wireless Terminal)equipments due to Court cases.

(c) The existing waiting list of all the exchanges are likely to be cleared during 2005-06 in Tamil Nadu and by June, 2005 in Goa.

(d) Yes, Sir. There are proposals to expand the telephone exchange where waiting list is available in Tamil Nadu as well as in Goa.

(e) Wherever the waiting list is scattered and the areas are technically non-feasible, action is being taken by BSNL authority of Tamil Nadu Circle to clear the waiting list and provide the telephone connections by deploying WLL technology.

19 and 10 CDMA WLL BTS are proposed in North and South Goa respectively.

ANNEXURE
District-wise details of waiting list of Tamil Nadu

Sl.No.	District	Application pending Waiting	Date of oldest waiting list
1.	Chennai Telecom. District	1380	October, 04
2.	Coimbatore	6554	12.10.2004
3.	Cuddalore	5209	24.06.1998
4.	Dharmapuri	1749	07.01.1997

5.	Dindigul	2001	02.11.2002
6.	Erode	32	15.01.2005
7	Kancheepuram	4551	27.08.2002
8.	Kanyakumari	6839	31.12.2003
9.	Karur	1993	07.06.1999
10.	Krishnogiri	1764	06.09.1996
11.	Madurai	1387	08.02.2003
12.	Nagapattinam	4312	31.12.2002
13.	Namakkal	10	30.01.1997
14.	Perambalur	3345	03.11.2004
15.	Pudukottai	4133	02.11.2004
16.	Ramanathapuram	2305	30.06.2004
17.	Salem	0	Nil
18.	Sivaganga	2883	10.04.2004
19.	Thanjavur	2078	17.07.2004
20.	The Nilgiris	0	Nil
21.	Theni	512	30.01.2004
22.	Thiruvarur	3417	31.03.2002
23.	Tirunelveli	5198	27.03.2002
24.	Tiruvanamalai	2935	19.07.2003
25.	Tiruvellore	5132	22.02.2001
26.	Trichy	2521	01.11.2004
27.	Tuticorin	3065	11.04.2002
28.	Vellore	5254	31.03.2002
29.	Villupuram	7860	12.11.1992
30.	Virudhunagar	2927	24.11.2003
31.	Pondicherry U.T.	268	20.01.2005

Total : 91614

District-wise details of waiting list of Goa

Sl.No.	District	Application Waiting	Date of oldest pending waiting list
1.	North Goa	2984	15.01.2003
2.	South Goa	1416	31.12.2002

Total : 4400